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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/658,143	LEW ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	David D. Le	3681

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 September 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 09 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

This is the first Office action on the merits of Application No. 10/658,143, filed on 09 September 2003. Claims 1-18 are pending.

Documents

1. The following documents have been received and filed as part of the patent application:
 - Declaration, received on 09/09/03

Oath/Declaration

2. The present declaration is defective. A new declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The declaration is defective because it does not identify the mailing address of each inventor. A mailing address is an address at which an inventor customarily receives his or her mail and may be either a home or business address. The mailing address should include the ZIP Code designation. The mailing address may be provided in an application data sheet or a supplemental oath or declaration. See 37 CFR 1.63(c) and 37 CFR 1.76.

Power of Attorney

3. Applicant has not submitted a power of attorney. Appropriate correction is required.

Double Patenting

4. A rejection based on double patenting of the "same invention" type finds its support in the language of 35 U.S.C. 101 which states that "whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process ... may obtain a patent therefor ..." (Emphasis added). Thus, the term "same invention," in this context, means an invention drawn to identical subject matter. See *Miller v. Eagle Mfg. Co.*, 151 U.S. 186 (1894); *In re Ockert*, 245 F.2d 467, 114 USPQ 330 (CCPA 1957); and *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970).

A statutory type (35 U.S.C. 101) double patenting rejection can be overcome by canceling or amending the conflicting claims so they are no longer coextensive in scope. The filing of a terminal disclaimer cannot overcome a double patenting rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. 101.

5. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-18 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,644,452 to Lew et al. This is a double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

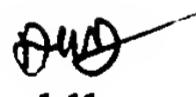
- Schlanger (U. S. Patent No. 6,374,975 B1) teaches the utilization of thrust bearing over preload spring to minimize wear and tear on components.

- Cha (U. S. Patent No. 5,125,489) teaches a cylindrical cassette body contains the movable balls and ball-biasing springs of a ball-type clutch.
- Meier-Burkamp et al. (U. S. Patent No. 5,810,139) teaches a friction device for controlling a clamping roller coupling of a bicycle hub for a bicycle.
- Shiozaki et al. (U. S. Patent No. 4,770,279) teaches a one-way clutch that employs spaced apart magnetic members to draw rollers into portions of a cam surface so that a shaft and race will rotate as one.
- McGuffie (U. S. Patent No. 4,469,381) teaches a ball bearing comprising a press metal cup in which are loosely-mounted axially-spaced, pressed metal thrust washers that contact a plurality of balls.
- Chen (U. S. Patent No. 6,123,179) teaches a bicycle freewheel hub comprising cylindrical sleeves, a shaft, and a clutch unit.
- Hsu (U. S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0070088 A1) teaches a freewheel assembly for a rear wheel of a bicycle including a body, a sprocket wheel, a sleeve, and a plurality of roller bearings.
- Kanehisa (U. S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0070604 A1) teaches a bicycle hub including a hub axle, a hub body, a sprocket support member, and an engagement member.
- Schlanger (U. S. Patent No. 6,428,437) teaches a power transmission assembly as shown in Fig. 2.
- European Patent Publication No. 0 522 983 A1 teaches a typical freewheel hub for bicycle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David D. Le whose telephone number is 703-305-3690. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (0700-1530).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles A Marmor can be reached on 703-308-0830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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